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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS COMMITTEE IN LONDON, MARCH 4.

QUOTE

PRESS COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS COMMITTEE IN LONDON ON 4 MARCH.

THE COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS COMMITTEE MET IN LONDON TODAY PRIMARILY TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN RHODESIA AND MOZAMBIQUE TO WAYS IN WHICH THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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KINGSTON MEETING IN MAY NINETEENSEVENTYFIVE MAY BE PURSUED.

IN THEIR FINAL COMMUNIQUE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, IN CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS COMMITTEE AND AUTHORISING THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ASSIST AN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE IN APPLYING SANCTIONS SINCE THE GREAT BULK OF RHODESIA'S EXPORTS AND IMPORTS WAS DEPENDENT ON MOZAMBIQUE'S TRANSPORT FACILITIES. THEY WERE UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR OF PROVIDING IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT AN INITIATIVE SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE IN TERMS OF ARTICLES FORTYNINE AND FIFTY OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

AT ITS MEETING TODAY THE COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS COMMITTEE WELCOMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS NOW FULLY IMPLEMENTING UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA.

RECALLING THE DECISION OF THE KINGSTON HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL THE NEED FOR THEM TO REACT URGENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT KINGSTON. THE WAY COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO REACT COULD BE EITHER BILATERALLY OR MULTILATERALLY, OR BOTH, INCLUDING CO-ORDINATED ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL- ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AT KINGSTON.

THE COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY COMMENDED THE INITIATIVES ALREADY TAKEN IN THIS REGARD BY SOME COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS AT A BILATERAL LEVEL.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE SHOULD NOW BE CONTACTED BY THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY WITH A VIEW TO ASCERTAINING POSSIBLE AREAS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT AS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH TWENTYTWO OF THE KINGSTON COMMUNIQUE. THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE CONVEYED TO COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING

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THE IMMEDIATE PROVISION OF NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.

THE TEXT OF PARAGRAPH TWENTYTWO OF THE KINGSTON COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:
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IN CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORISING THE COMMITTEE

TO CONTINUE ITS WORK, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL STEPS TO ASSIST AN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE IN APPLYING SANCTIONS, ON MOZAMBIQUE'S TRANSIT FACILITIES. THEY WERE UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR OF PROVIDING IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE. THEY ALSO ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT AN INITIATIVE SHOULD BE TAKEN BY COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE IN TERMS OF ARTICLES FORTY NINE AND FIFTY OF THE CHARTER.

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